DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how much of the amount sanctioned for that road was spent this year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Annual repairs are within the purview of the Executive Engineer. A special amount of Rs. 5,000 has been sanctioned this year for the purpose.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the Chief Engineer inspected the site this year or last year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No, Sir.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know why the balance portion of the road is not maintained?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It had been given up for a long time. It took about 10 or 11 years to bring it back to life again.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: So shall I take it, these four miles of the road were constructed within a period of seventeen years?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is an old road which had been abandoned. It came up somewhere about 1111 M. E. A repair was made then, and subsequently it is being given annual maintenance. Last year the road was found to be in a very bad condition, so an estimate was prepared and work is in progress.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the member believe me if I say that not a single rupee was spent on that road this year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: But there was a report to the effect that repairs have been made.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Was it without making an enquiry that the Honourable member stated that repairs are being made?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: My reply was based on the report.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: It is given in the answer that the road was 'surveyed in 1102 M. E. and work taken up in 1106 M. E.' Why was so much time taken?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am unable to go into past history.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether he has called for an explanation from those who were responsible for the delay?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: None of those responsible is in service.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether he made any enquiries as to the delay?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: From the file it appears that there was a lot of opposition from the people in surrendering the sites for the roads. Later on, however, the lands were acquired.

Perunchani and Vizhinjom Harbour Schemes

68. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the expense incurred till 1-11-1121 in connection with—

(i) the Perunchani Scheme;

(ii) the Vizhinjom Harbour Scheme; and

(*b*) why there is delay in carrying out those schemes?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) (i) Rs. 4,75,503.

(ii) Rs. 2,445-14-9.

(*b*) As regards the Perunchani Scheme there has been no delay. The work is in progress. The Vizhinjam Harbour Scheme has not been taken in hand. Investigation for the work is going on.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the particular items of expenditure which make up this expenditure of Rs. 4,75,503 ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I cannot give all the details. Almost the whole of the foundation has been excavated. The Cooly lines and staff quarters have been complete. A part of the Thiruparappu weir has been constructed. Seven dams have been completed at Pulipara. A portion of the dam strengthening work has also been completed. Several other work has begun.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know, what part of this amount goes for the construction of the building for staff quarters ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L VENKATAKRISHNAN: About a lakh or a lakh and 25,000 Rupees.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: What is the amount for cooly lines alone ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Accommodation for 800 coolies.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: What is the cost ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About Rs. 85 or 90,000.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Quarters for the staff and quarters for the coolies alone will cost about half of the whole amount. Am I right ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Not quite correct. The cost will be about Rs. 1,25,000.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Both together, what will be the cost ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not catch the point of the Honourable member ?

MR P. S NATARAJA PILLAI: What is the total cost for these two items ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About Rs. 1,25,000.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: How long will this scheme take to be completed ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About three years more.

Neyyar Scheme.

69. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any estimate has been prepared for the Neyyar scheme *i. e.*, the scheme for the construction of a major reservoir for conserving the water of the Neyyar for irrigation purposes and if not what is the delay due to ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: A preliminary estimate has been made out and it is under the consideration of Government.

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